resume the dead-locked dialogue process with Hurriyat Leaders;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that militants stepped up violence on the eve of his visit; and

(d) how many persons were actually killed during the last two months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's visit to J&K was with the objective of giving boost to the process of achieving peace and accelerated economic development of the State.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During the last two months (October-November, 2004) 264 persons (85 civilians, 39 Security Force personnel and 140 terrorists) were killed.

IMDT Act, 1983

2133. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to repeal the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated number of illegal migrants settled in Assam at present and how many of them have so far been deported since the enactment of IMDT Act, 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision not to repeal the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 in primarily based on the consideration that no harassment is caused to genuine Indian citizens, especially belonging to minorities, in Assam.

(c) No survey about the number of illegal migrants settled in Assam has been done by the Government. 1549 illegal migrants from Assam have been expelled (upto October 2004), since its inception under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act.